

# RACE MATTERS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

“RACE MATTERS NOW SO IT WON’T MATTER LATER”



Research has demonstrated that children and families of color are disproportionately represented in the child welfare system and frequently experience disparate outcomes. Whereas children of all races are equally as likely to suffer from child abuse and neglect, the percentage of African-American and other minority children who enter and remain in out-of-home care is greater than their proportion in the population.

**RACE MATTERS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE** brings together judicial officers, systems' experts, service providers and community partners who have set an agenda to reduce the disproportionate representation of and disparate outcomes for children and families of color in the juvenile justice system.

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**OUR VISION** is a Charlotte-Mecklenburg community where the composition and outcomes of juvenile courts cannot be predicted by race and/or ethnicity.

**OUR MISSION** is to build a collaboration of community stakeholders who will bring their constituencies to the table and partner in the Court's effort to reduce disproportionality and disparities.

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**YOU ARE INVITED:** RACE MATTERS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE invites community leaders and advocates; members of non-profits and faith-based organizations; and representatives from small businesses and corporations; who wish to gain an awareness and understanding of this initiative to join us!

## Race Matters for Juvenile Justice 2011 Symposium

January 28, 2011  
(8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.)

The symposium is free to all attendees. Seating is limited. To register contact the **Mecklenburg County Bar at 704-375-8624** or via email at [racematters@meckbar.org](mailto:racematters@meckbar.org). Additional details will be announced with registration confirmation.

### CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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